



Cowes Secondary School competition

Response form

The Academies Enterprise Trust

Comments

Our impression of the Academies Enterprise Trust ("AET") at the public meeting is that of a professional, well-intentioned and open-minded institution. They appear to have the will, and, in contrast with their competitor group, the ability, to run a large comprehensive school in Cowes.

Whilst it is unfortunate that only two groups put forth proposals, I find it very hard to believe that any conscientious parent would not prefer the security and vigour offered by the AET to the radical excitement and brave uncertainty offered by their more cavalier competitor.

Cowes Pathfinder Partnership

Comments

Having attended the public meeting, my wife and I have strong doubts regarding the competency of Cowes Pathfinder Partnership ("CPP") to run an adequate school for our son in Cowes.

An emphasis on the importance of maintaining a radical agenda, and an unwillingness to recognise the need to recruit and retain high quality teaching staff, leaves us with considerable anxiety over the consequences of CPP setting the school's agenda.

Following a period of below-average performance by Cowes Secondary School, we feel that it is crucial the current exercise is not wasted by allowing an un-tested, politically driven, unprofessional organisation take responsibility for the education of over 1,000 young people.

Having studied educational experiments as part of my PGCE, I am aware of the dangers of launching un-tested and deliberately radical schemes in British comprehensive schools. I will consider it a small tragedy if the CPP are successful.

Are you?

<p>A pupil <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name of school:</p>	<p>A member of staff at a school <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name of school:</p>	<p>A governor <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name of school:</p>
<p>A parent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name of your children's school:</p> <p><i>Our son is 9 months old & hence not yet at school.</i></p>	<p>A local community/organisation/business representative <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name of the community/organisation/business:</p>	<p>A local resident <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Other <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>What is the nature of your interest in the new school?</p>		

Please return this form to:

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The closing date for responses is **6.00pm, 21 August 2009.**